

What is the SAT?

Many colleges require the SAT for admissions or to award scholarships. Recent additions to the SAT included an essay, grammar, and Algebra II. Many students take the SAT during the fall or spring of their junior year. They can also take it in the fall of their senior year – just watch out for application and scholarship deadlines! It is given seven times per year.

Students earn a Critical Reading, Math, and Writing score. Each section is scored on a 200- to 800-point scale. The national average score per section is 500.

The SAT includes 160 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes to complete. The Critical Reading section includes sentence completion and reading comprehension. Calculator use is allowed, but not required. The Writing section includes grammar, usage, and word choice.

The weight placed on SAT scores varies from school to school. Colleges and universities also consider high school GPA and academic transcript, letters of recommendation, interviews, and personal essays when deciding on admissions. In addition, virtually all U.S. colleges and universities will accept ACT scores in lieu of SAT scores. For more specific information about the weight of your scores, contact the admissions offices at the schools you apply to.

The SAT test comes from the Educational Testing Service (ETS). ETS is paid by The College Board to create the test. Both groups are private companies.

Registration deadlines fall approximately 5 weeks before each test date. To register by mail, fill out the registration form in the College Board's Bulletin for the SAT Program. Students can get a free copy of this publication from their school's guidance counselor. They may also call ETS at 609-771-7600 and they'll one free of charge. Register online at www.collegeboard.com.

2006-2007 Test Dates			
Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines *	
		U.S. Regular	U.S. Late (fee applies)
October 14, 2006	SAT & Subject Tests	Sep. 12, 2006	Sep. 20, 2006
November 4, 2006	SAT & Subject Tests	Sep. 29, 2006	Oct. 11, 2006
December 2, 2006	SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 7, 2006 (revised)	Nov. 9, 2006
January 27, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 26, 2006 (revised)	Jan. 4, 2007
March 10, 2007	SAT only	Feb. 2, 2007	Feb. 14, 2007
May 5, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 3, 2007 (revised)	Apr. 11, 2007
June 2, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 27, 2007	May 9, 2007

2007-08 Test Dates	
October 6, 2007	March 1, 2008
November 3, 2007	May 3, 2008
December 1, 2007	June 7, 2008
January 26, 2008	